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MARINE CATCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether information regarding marine catch and matters connected therewith is being supplied to fishermen from satellites;

(b) If so, the names of coastal States where this information is being provided; (

(c) Whether the Government have assessed the benefits of this facility for the fishermen and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes Sir, Information on potential fishing zones, derived from Satellite data is being supplied to the fishing community twice a week from October to May every year from 1990 onwards.

(b) This information has been supplied under a project funded by Department of Ocean Development to the Coastal States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.

(c) & (d) A sample survey conducted during 2001 in three States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Kerala as well as the interactive workshops held recently in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have brought out that this information helps the fishing community to improve the catch per unit effort as well as reduction in the search time and saving in fuel.